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Wanted to let you know that I feel that the decision between the DOJ and Microsoft will do nothing in the long run to benefit consumers nor keep Microsoft from further utilizing their monopoly to help only themselves. The DOJ had a sure win fight and instead of following thru appears to have simply given into more red tape and political B.S.

When Microsoft is brought back into court again in the future the DOJ will only look even more foolish than it does now for not taking care of the problems that Microsoft's monopoly present to consumers, competitors and to our country and it's economy as a whole today.

Perhaps some day these issues will be taken care of in a better way than was decided thru this decision although I am not holding my breath.

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